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Inspection of Ships at Burgas

1. Before foreign ships are allowed to enter the inner harbor at Burgas, they 50X1-HUM
must undergo inspection by various port personnel, such as customs officials,
maritime agent, doctor, pilot, and military personnel.
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Port of Burgas

6. A searchlight and a 20-mm machine gun are emplaced on the flat roof of a small building located behind the lighthouse at the very tip of the breakwater which is on the left side as one enters the port by the western entrance. A Navy detachment is on constant duty at this point. There is an antenna with three lights on top located on the same breakwater, a short distance from the above-mentioned building. The lights are red, white, and green, and are always lighted at night.
7. A net, suspended from iron buoys connected in chain-like fashion, is anchored to the tip of the breakwater and extends across the entire width of the eastern entrance channel. The entrance is generally left open, even at night.
8. There are two Wirley Clyde 3397/1942 USA, revolving type cranes on tracks located on the eastern quay; the power for the cranes is furnished by fuel oil motors. The outside hoist has a 5-ton capacity and the inside hoist has a 15-ton capacity. There are semi-revolving cranes with a 5-ton capacity located on the northern quay. In addition, the port has two 3-ton cranes mounted on tracks; these cranes have a trade mark represented by a cogwheel with the letters MCDM in the center.
9. There are 10-15 Steyer tractors located in the port area. The tractors are Czech-made, with Pzrum tires and are 25 horsepower. 50X1-HUM
10. All warehouses in the port area have hand fire extinguishers and cart-mounted extinguishers. The hydrants along the quay have an hourly capacity of 60 tons.
11. A repair yard is located on the quay between the second and third piers, counting from the outside; the section between the western end of the northern quay and the northern end of the third pier is being improved. Several large blocks which will be used in constructing the new wall are on the eastern end of this quay.
12. The western part of the port between the outer breakwater and the southern side of the third pier is reserve for the Navy and contains several buildings, the largest of which serves as headquarters and barracks. Eight torpedo boats and three larger ships were tied up at the pier. 50X1-HUM
13. two torpedo boats at anchor approximately 300 meters from the navy quay. The ships were a light grey color, 50X1-HUM

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approximately 28 meters long. The boats had very silent motors and were armed with two torpedo tubes on deck in the bow and two machine guns and two hoppers for depth charges. The boats left the harbor at about 9:00 a.m. and were replaced by three much larger torpedo boats which made two runs in the harbor before docking at the navy quay. These ships were dark grey with white portholes. [redacted] Each of the ships had apparatus for mechanical minesweeping, a hopper for depth charges mounted right at the stern, torpedo launchers of the Menisini type mounted laterally toward the stern, a large machine gun mounted toward the stern, and a large machine gun mounted at the very end of the stern. 50X1-HUM

Military Uniforms

14. Bulgarian Border Guards patrol the city and port areas. Soldiers wear uniforms of greenish cloth. Jackets have an elastic band at the waist in the back, three buttons on the chest and two on the collar, and two upper pockets. Trousers resemble those of the ski troops. Epaulements are gray-green with a red border. Leggings have two buttons and overseas caps have a red star.
15. Soldiers are armed with large pistols of various makes and with rifles of German manufacture.
16. Corporals have a small golden stripe across their epaulements. Sergeants have two stripes across their epaulements. Warrant officers have a golden stripe along the borders of the epaulements, except on the outside, with one, two, or three stripes according to rank. Non-commissioned officers wear gold buttons; soldiers have bone buttons.
17. Railway police wear uniforms of the same greenish color as the uniforms of the Border Guards. Railway police also wear red epaulements, black boots, and a greenish-colored cap with a red band above the visor and a metal insignia representing a winged wheel above the red star, and are armed with submachine guns with drum magazines.
18. Other soldiers in the city wore uniforms similar to those of the Border Guards, but wore heavy woolen socks with the three colors of the Bulgarian flag in lieu of the leggings of the Border Guards.

Defense Installations

19. There are two radio antennas located on the roof of the next-to-the-last building on the Stalin Avenue square in Burgas on which the Casino is located. One of the antennas consists of a pole surmounted by four small antennas arranged in a circle. Soldiers are on duty on the top floor of the building at all times. High-ranking Soviet officers live in this building and in the adjacent building.
20. Three groups of searchlights are located approximately 300 meters to the left and to the right of the lighthouse in Eminek Point; the light beams sweep the water every 10 minutes.
21. High iron or wood frameworks are located on top of hill-like mounds a short distance from Cape Kaliakra and Cape Shablek. [redacted] the installations resemble those located along the coast south of Constanta, Rumania. 50X1-HUM

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